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TITLE OF REMOTE CONTROL PLUG-DROPPING HEAD  
INVENTION

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<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No. <b>08/667,250</b>	Applicant(s) <b>Holcombe</b>
	Examiner <b>Hoang C. Dang</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3506</b>

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

- This communication is responsive to Amendment A and Terminal Disclaimer both filed Oct 20, 1997.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 2, 4, 6-13, 15-24, 26, and 28-32.
- The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.
- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- All    Some\*    None   of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
- received.
- received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) \_\_\_\_\_.
- received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \*Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" of this Office action. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
- because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.
- including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
- including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
- including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

- Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

#### Attachment(s)

- Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 5
- Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- Interview Summary, PTO-413
- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Art Unit: 3506

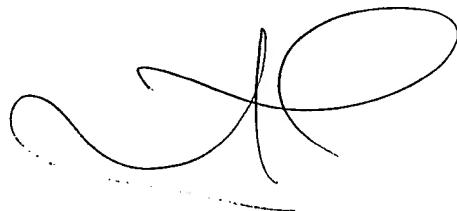
**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by Mr. Steve Rosenblatt in a telephone conversation on November 21, 1997: Parts shown in cross section in Figures 1, 3, 4, 12a and 12b will be properly cross-hatched. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Hoang Dang, whose telephone number is (703) 308-2149. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:15 AM to 5:45 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tamara L. Graysay, can be reached on (703) 308-2144. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-3597.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.



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